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SUBJECT : VISIT OF DR. JERRY CHANG, VICE-PRESIDENT FOR DEVELOPMENT, EAST-WEST CENTER, JUNE 30-JULY 2.

1. DURING A BUSY 2 1/2-DAY VISIT TO DACCA, DR. CHANG MET WITH A LARGE NUMBER OF PROMINENT BANGLADESHI OFFICIALS, INCLUDING SECRETARIES OF MINISTRIES OF EDUCATION, FINANCE, AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS, THE CHAIRMAN OF UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION, THE VICE-CHANCELLORS OF UNIVERSITIES OF DACCA, CHITTAGONG AND BANGLADESH UNIVERSITY OF ENGINEERING AND TECHNOLOGY, AND SECRETARY-GENERAL OF INTEGRATED RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM. DURING THESE MEETINGS CHANG EXPLAINED AIMS AND OPERATIONS OF EWC, INCLUDING ITS RECENT REORGANIZATION AND INCORPORATION, INDICATED THAT CENTER LOOKED FORWARD TO RECEIVING APPROXIMATELY FIFTY BANGLADESHI PARTICIPANTS IN THE COMING YEAR AND, IN LINE WITH CENTER'S WISH FOR CLOSER INVOLVEMENT ON PART OF NATIONS WITH WHOM IT WORKS, ASKED FOR A FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION (IF ONLY SYMBOLIC) FROM BANGLADESH.

2. BANGLADESHI REACTION WAS OVERWHELMINGLY POSITIVE, WITH ALL OFFICIALS PRAISING AIMS AND WORK OF CENTER, EXPRESSING A DESIRE TO EXPAND RELATIONS WITH IT, AND AGREEING IN PRINCIPLE WITH IDEA OF MAKING A FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION. WITHIN HOURS OF HIS ARRIVAL, MINISTRY OF EDUCATION HOSTED A 35-PERSON BANNEQUET IN HIS HONOR. THIS WAS FOLLOWED BY A LUNCHEON GIVEN BY SECRETARY-GENERAL OF IRDP, A RECEPTION BY THE NEWLY-FORMED

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EAST-WEST CENTER ALUMNI ASSOCIATION OF BANGLADESH, AND A

LUNGRION BY THE AMBASSADOR.

3. COMMENT: WARM RECEPTION ACCORDED VISITOR IS A CLEAR  
INDICATION OF PRESENT BDG'S INTEREST IN ACADEMIC EXCHANGE  
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